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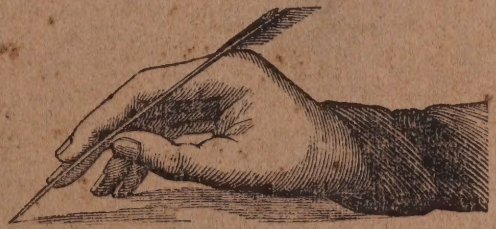
BY CHAUNCEY BASCOM.

Charles Phelps
1834



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Charles Phelps
from his affectionate
Hadley Jan 22d 1834. Sister.

When Day, with farewell beam, delays
Among the opening clouds of Even,
And we can almost think we gaze
Through golden vistas into Heaven
Those hues, that make the sun's decline
So soft, so radiant, Lord! are Thine.

Charles Phelps. Hadley, January 27. 1834

1845. January 1 Wednesday paid Asa Williams for putting on sled shoe 34 cts paid Granger for sled shoe 12 cts
Sledding 1 load rails from mountain in all 90 — 26 deg
2 - 27 deg went to Northampton bought overhauls suspenders cotton cloth socks thread pencils whip
3 - 12 deg. went to Amherst
4 - 30 " went to Northampton, delr 25 bushels oats to Mr Brewster @ 33 cts 8.33. - bought 30 lb candles @ 10 cts 3,00. bought webbing thread
5 - 31 deg Sunday fair fine
6 - 28 " fair cloudy putting up corn, 8 bags ears carried to mill
7 - 24 " 5 or 6 inches snow & hail - getting home grist
8 - 29 " fair mild. paid Dickinson for mending boots 50 cts rec bundle from Arthur containing lantern brush pamphlets
9 - 12 " fog from river white frost light snow cloudy
10 - 30 " fair fine day - Cow sick fixing barnyard gate $1,00
11 - 14 " fair fine cleaning 28 ½ bushels oats 26 shock sold 1 yoke oxen to Austin Smith
12 - 25 " Sunday fair
13 22 " 5 or 6 inches snow fell
14 - 10 " sold to Mr Congdon 25 bushels oats thrashing corn began 2 squares 2 rods
15 - 11 " driving oxen to Northampton Bridge delr to Austin Smith 2 inches snow
16 - 30 " freezing rain cleaning 18 ¾ bushels corn, delr 16 bushels corn to Montague & Powers

January 17 30 deg rain sleet thrashing & cleaning corn

18 - 27 deg - windy - mending meal bags del° 12 ¼ bushels corn to Montague & Powers thrashing corn

19 - 1 degree above Sunday fair

20 - 11 deg - cloudy putting up grist 5 bags ears corn to mill thrashing corn

21 - 24 " sleet snow - cleaning up oats 24 shock 24 ½ bushels del° 8 ¼ bushels corn to Montague & Powers

22 - 29 " fair windy - 2 bags ears corn 3 bushels buckwheat 2 bushels rye 1 ½ bu corn carried to mill horse shoe fixed at Dickinsons old sleigh shoe fastened tin pail mended, sold cow Rose to J. Smith $18.00

23 - 5 " fair driving cow to J. Smiths

24 - 17 " cloudy rainy went to post office

25 - 40 " rainy night mist & fog wrote to Arthur

26 - 29 " 4 inches snow in night Sunday fair windy

27 - 23 " fair bought of J. Clarke 1 bbl flour 5.25

28 - 23 " fair mild cleaning up oats 38 shock 36 bushel

29 - 37 " getting cattle shod at Dickinsons 112 cts

30 - 26 " fair windy sledding 2 loads wood from yard into woodhouse piling up logs rec'd letter from Arthur

31 - 4 " fair windy labor for January 10 ½ days — 7.00
chores — 3.00
10.00

1845 Feb 1 - 2 deg below 0 - fair cold. bought 2 gallons molasses
1 bag salt
2 - 4 deg below, Sunday fair
3 - 4 " " fair Mr Bartlett began sledding wood 2 loads hom
4 - 8 deg above - snowstorm
5 - 18 deg - snowstorm continued
6 - 12 " fair, windy, went to mountain to break out road
1 load wood to Bartlett
7 - 1 deg fair windy, 1 load wood to Bartlett 1 load home
6 bags ears corn carried to mill
8 - 17 deg - fair, cleaning up rye 26 shock 20 bushels
went to town paid Edson for filing saw 20 cts
grist brought home, 2 loads wood home
9 - 10 deg, fair Sunday
10 - 7 deg below fair calm went to Amherst, attended town
meeting at Hadley, 3 bushel rye to mill
2 loads wood to Bartlett 1 load home
11 - 18 deg - cloudy 2 or 3 inches snow during night
1 load wood home
12 - 34 deg - rain fair 2 bags ears corn 2 bushel buckwhea
carried to mill pitchfork mended by Dickinson
13. - 4 deg - fair went to mill

Feb

14 - 2 deg - cloudy snow

15 - 22 deg - misty - cleaning 26 shock rye 18½ bushels

16 - 38 " - rainy - Sunday

17 - 37 " fair mild

18 - 32 " fair mild, went to Northampton

19 - 24 " fair, sledding ice from millpond 4 oxloads 4 loads 4 horse

20 - 34 " cloudy, sledding ice 2 ox loads 6 horse loads by T.P.H. 10

paid Mr Bartlett cutting & packing ice 4 days 4,00

in all 6 ox loads, 10 horse loads

21 - 36 deg - cloudy fair

22 - 35 " fair warm 50 deg went to mills for sled, 2 chains mended by Dickinson 17, paid A. Hibbard for use of sled 40 ct, paid Ed. Smith for use of sleigh 12 cents

23 - 38 deg - Sunday rainy night & day

24 - 40 " - fair

25 - 30 " - fair warm 54 deg went to Northampton, bought sugar 5 lb 62 ct rochelle powders & soda

cleaning up 17 shock rye 14½ bushels

26 - 32 " - fair, chopping wood at mountain

27 - 30 " fair, chopping wood " "

28 - 25 " fair, cleaning oats 10 shock 8 bushels

labor for Feb'y - 7½ days - 4.83

chores 3.00 = $7.83

1845 March. 1. Saturday -29 deg. fair
2 - 29 deg - Sunday fair
3 - 47 " - rainy morning, fair windy - 2 bags ears corn
4 bushel oats carried to mill, chopping wood at mountain
4 - 27 " - fair chopping wood at mountain
5 - 34 " hail sleet rain, 5 bags ears corn to mill
6 - 38 " fair chopping wood at mountain
7 - 30 " fair - cleaning up 37½ bushels wheat & oats, grist brought home
8 - 36 " cloudy rainy, working on highway 2,50
9 - 36 " Sunday, rainy
10 - 32 " cloudy, chopping wood at mountain
11 - 30 " snow - fair
12 - 10 " fair
13 - 27 " cloudy fair
14 - 34 " snow, rain, cleaning wheat & oats 22 shock 21 bushel
4 bushel sweepings
15 - 33 " fair
16 - 18 " Sunday fair
17 - 21 " fair chopping at mountain
18 - 27 " fair, chopping " "
19 - 22 " fair windy, chopping " "
20 - 24 " cloudy fair windy, 6 bags ears corn 3 bushels rye
6 bushel buckwheat & oats to mill

March

21 - 24 deg - fair cold windy went to Northampton mill got
bought 1 bbl flour, cotton shirting handkerchief, went to

22 - 16 " fair fine

23 - 24 " Sunday fair cloudy south wind Cow Vespa calvd

24 - 39 " fair windy, shopping at mountain

25 - fair windy, went to mountain with cart, cut a
white oak stick for cart axle, stick sawed at mill
90 feet 33 cts, carted wheels & axle to Asa Williams

26 - fair mild

27 - fair warm hazy went to Amherst, bought opodeldoc
25 cts doz helve 16, 1/2 pint spirit 57. exchanged 26 phials
for soap & cologne, went to Hadley carried calf skin to
S. Dickinson. bought of G. Shipman 1 bushel lime 67 cts
began north separe of hay in barn

28 - 37 deg fair warm hazy 68 deg, took a walk to Adams mills

29 - 40 " went to mills, black horse shod at Dickinsons mountain & ~~mills~~ 20 cents

30 - 40 " Sunday cloudy fair cloudy, fair - 70 deg

31 - misty cloudy fair 70 deg went to town meeting
Mr Bellfinch Caroline & Ellen arrived

labor for March 13 days - 8.67 — $11.67
chores 3.00

1845
April 1 Tuesday – rainy morning, clearing off in the afternoon
cow Cherry calvid
2 – fair, went to mills, del[d] 8 bushels corn to Dickinson
rec[d] from Rufus Scott 1,29 dividend on Hibbards estate, to J. Eames
3 – 38 deg – Fast day fair windy, freshet
4 – 32 " – light snow during night, fair windy, went to Northam
with Mr Bulfinch bought oil biscuit lemons
5 – 32 " fair carried Mr Bulfinch to Allens to take stage for Hartford
6 bushels buckwheat & oats 4 bags ears corn to mill
6 – 28 " Sunday cloudy fair
7 – 35 " fair went to mills. cart axle fixed by A. Williams 100
irons for axle 1.62 by Dickinson carried 2 bags
ears to mill grist brought home.
8 – snow squalls cloudy cold windy paid S. Dickinson
for mending boot, borrowed ox cultivator of S. Powers
9 chopping wood at mountain
10 Shower fair hazy, tending cultivator in south east lot
11 – 39 deg – fair windy tending cultivator in south east lot
12 – fair windy ploughing in south east lot
waggon whipple tree mended by Dickinson 10 cts
13 – 33 deg Sunday cloudy fair

April
14 — fair windy soled cow Pink to Austin Smith for 16.00
bull soled to Thayer & slaughtered. — bought of O. Warner
40 lb clover seed @ 9 cts, 1½ bushel herdsgrass at 2,00
bought of Dr Porter 1½ bushel red top seed @ 1,00 — sorrel
hose shod by Dickinson 40 cents, bought ropes of Leonard 30 cts
15 fair. Mr Rice sowed oats in south east lot small job
16 — fair Mr Rice finishd sowing oats in south east lot
9 bushels on 4 acres, sold 1 bushel oats to Rice.
sowing grass seed in south east lot, cloudy showers
17 — rainy cloudy.
18 — cloudy, carried Mr Bulfinch to Northampton to take
stage for Boston; bought 2 shad 50 cts, grass seed at
Dr Porters — sowing grass seed in south east lot
19 — working at mountain moving fence, 352 rails & stones,
20 — Sunday cloudy
21 — fair, carting 12 loads manure north of path in meadow
22 carting 16 load manure north of path
23 fair, carting 12 load manure north of path
ploughing west side in meadow
24 fair warm 80 deg carting 6 load manure north of path
in all 46 loads, carting 3 loads into garden burning bogs
ploughing garden

April
25 — Spreading manure north of path in meadow ploughing
26 — ploughing north of path
27 — Sunday cloudy
28 — fair finish'd ploughing in meadow north of path
Spreading manure
29 — fair carting manure to upper lot
9 cart loads 10 waggon loads
30 — fair shelling seed corn, putting up grist
4 bushels buckwheat & oats, 2 bags ears corn carried to mill
getting out potatoes from cellar, ploughing in orchard
getting home grist bought 200 lbs plaster at 42 ½
Labor for April 18 days — 12.00
chores 3.00 — $15.00

May. 1. Thursday cloudy planting 28 rows corn west side in meadow
2 — high wind — ploughing hollow in upper lot
3 — planting 28 rows corn north of path
4 — Sunday fair
5 — planting 28 rows corn north of path
6 — finish'd planting corn north of path — shelling corn, marking cattle
7 — ploughing in meadow south of path ploughing up lot
8 — cold windy. ploughing up lot

May 9 — Cow Hebe calvid rainy morning, finishid ploughing up lot
10 — went to Northampton - carried Mr Bushnell Caroline
Sarah, Ellen, to take stage for Waltham
fair fine day bought 2 shad 50 cts 1 gall vineyar
holing ground for potatoes in meadow — shelling seed corn
11 — Sunday fair pleasant 86 deg
12 — fair warm 90 deg - carting 3 load manure north of path
in meadow for potatoes — planted 3 ½ bushels potatoes bought
of T. G. H. - planted 7 rows in orchard with Vermont early corn
13 — planting potatoes pup lot north end with Carter potatoes
14 — planting south end with black potatoes - 4 loads manure
½ acre ground. 7 bushels for seed. 5 bags ears corn to mill
15 — getting home grist, waggon mended 8 cts, laying manure
in furrows south of garden 3 load 16 rows shower in afternoon
16 — cold windy. planting corn south of garden furrowed.
17 — rainy. weighid 736 lbs hay to T. G. H. manured in hills finishid planting south of garden
18 — Sunday rainy day
19 — fair — mending pasture fences at mountain
mending fence at ferry & bridge lane
20 — rainy morning went to town, bought 1 bag fine salt
planting corn in hollow upper lot

May 21 - fair, finishd planting corn in hollow upper lot ½ acre
clearing off logs poles, driving young cattle to mountain 10 head
1 cow - mending fence round pasture

22 - mending fence bridge lane pasture & water fence at south end

23 - went to town, paid Dickinson for mending boot 10 cts, bought 1 bu. salt

24 - went to mills oxens shoes taken off - bought 1 box pills & hat for Theoph
salted cattle at mountain

25 - fair cold windy Sunday

26 - chopping wood at mountain

27 - fair warm 80 deg - chopping wood at mountain

28 - fair - high south wind 80 deg - mended river fences
went to Hockanum, Francis arrived at Hadley

29 - rainy

30 - cold windy - chopping wood at mountain

31 - 34 deg frost. fair chopping wood at mountain
corn injured vegetable plants in gardens destroyed

labor for May 20 days — 13.33
chores - 2.50 — $15.83

June — Sunday fair 45 deg

2 — 50 deg - fair warm 86 deg - 4 bushels buckwheat & oats. 3 bu rye to mill carting 2 loads wood home from mountain

3 — fair warm 87 deg - went to Easthampton with Francis & William drawing 2 logs for bridge to north meadow getting home grist

4 — fair warm - fixing bridge up lot

5 — went to Hadley & Amherst with Francis. bought maple sugar afternoon smart shower with hail - rye beat down much injured

6 — carried Francis to Hockanum to take stage for Boston salted cattle - carting home 1 load wood from mountain

7 — unloading wood - hoeing corn in meadow

8 — Sunday - thunder in morning, fair warm 92 deg

9 — fair warm 90 deg. finished hoeing corn in meadow first time

10 — fair warm - carried Eliza to Hockanum to take Stage for Boston

11 — rainy - chopping at mountain

12 — fair - hoeing corn south of garden. hoeing corn south side of orchard hoeing corn in hollow north meadow

13 — heavy shower in the night fair fine day - 4 bags ears corn carried to mill. took hay cart to A. Williams went to mountain cutting & drawing to saw mill 2 sticks of chesnut timber for hay cart

14 — rainy morning, carried 3 sticks sawed chesnut timber to A Williams grist brought home

June 15 Sunday fair fine day

16 - rain during the night fair day. hoeing potatoes in meadow went to Northampton bought Mr Reed 1 striped shirt 50

17 - fair cool windy, hoeing potatoes up lot, hoeing corn on sidehill bridge toll 12

18 - Cow Oxen to Stockbridge, brought home cow Jenny from mount hoeing corn on sidehill in orchard

19 - cloudy fair fine, began 2d hoeing in meadow

20 - fair - hoeing in meadow

21 - rain in forenoon, finishd hoeing corn in meadow 2d time hoeing corn south side of orchard

22 - Sunday fair fine day

23 - fair - hoeing corn south of garden

24 - fair warm showers in afternoon hoeing corn in hollow up lot went to mills for hay cart - bought 62 feet pine plank of C. Smith @ 1.00 per thousand 74 cts

25 - fair cool - salted cattle at mountain went to Northampton bought of Wright & Rust 2 bushel salt 80 cts oranges soda biscuit bundle at Butlers, bot of Dr Porter 1 pair thin pants 62 cts

26 - tending & cocking clover hay up lot turning & cocking hay up lot

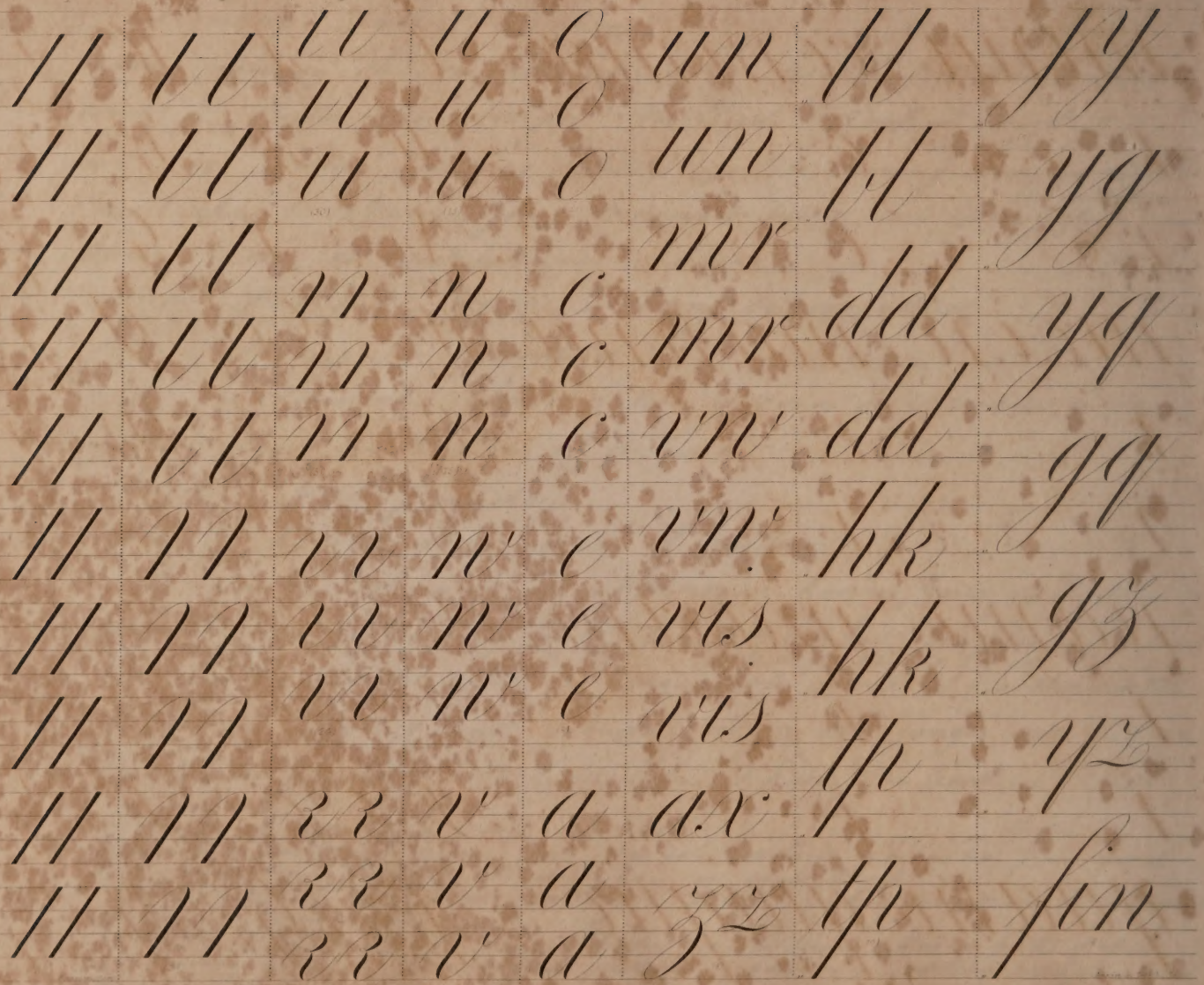
27 - fair. Cow Jenny calvd tending hay on river bank carting 9 heaps hay from yard

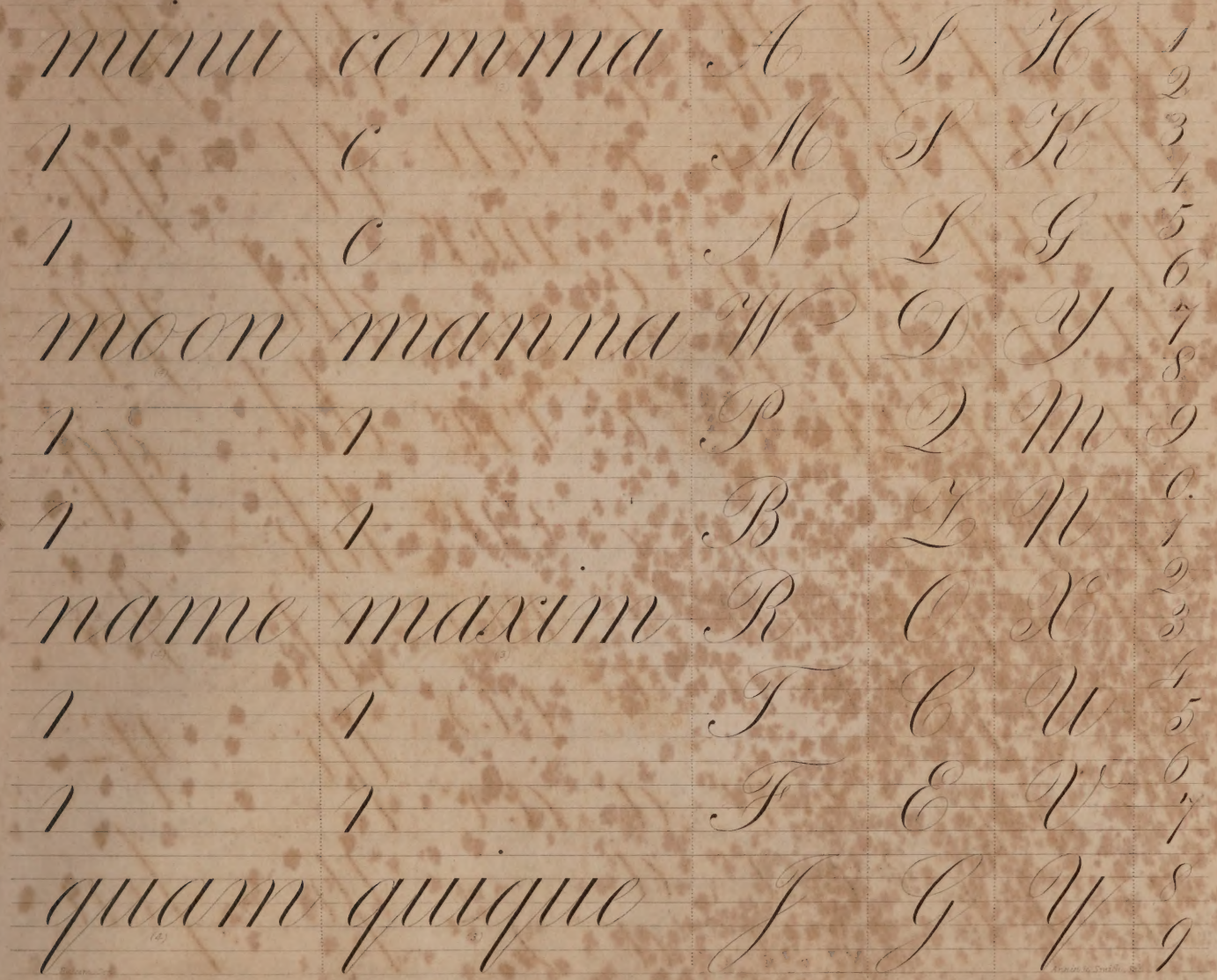
28 - tending hay on river bank, carting 2 loads. cocking hay, rain in afternoon

29 - Sunday. cloudy fair.

30 - cloudy, showers in afternoon. 2 bushel rye to mill. fixing cocks of clover up lot unloading hay from river bank in cowhouse. carting 1 load hay from river bank thrashing corn

labor for June 18 1/4 days - 12.17 chores 2.50 - 14.67





1845
July 1 - cloudy - getting out 13½ bushels ashes, 3½ bu put on corn west side of orchard, carting 3 waggon loads stable manure to heap
2 - cloudy showers, hoeing corn sidehill west of orchard unloading hay, cleaning up 10 bushels corn, bought pitchfork of Rice 75 cts
3 - 4 bushel buckwheat & oats 1 bag ears corn carried to mill black horse shod fore feet 20 ct, rainy smart showers, corn cleaning
4 - fair took cartwheel to lowermills, cart tire set waggon shaft put in by J. Marsh 62½ cts, bought 1 shaft 25
5 - fair, opened cocks of clover hay up lot, del'd 8 bushel corn to Powers & 29½ lbs butter, paid blacksmith at lower mills for setting tire to cart wheel 75 cts, fixing irons to shaft 17 carting 2 loads clover hay from upper lot north of dingle carting 1 waggon load from north side of barn 1 waggon load from yard & garden
6 - Sunday fair
7 - fair warm day, Arthur arrived. Cow. Cherry to Stockbridge opened clover cocks up lot, spreading hay on river banks carting 1 waggon load clover from upper lot, 1 cart load clover cocking hay river bank & north yard
8 - fair warm opened cocks river bank, tending hay in bogs carting 25 cocks from river bank, carting 2 loads from bogs & 1 waggon load from yard & east of north yard

July 9. fair. Spreading hay on side hill in meadow, tending & carting 2 loads hay from bogs east of ridge, small load from sidehill
10. fair, tending hay in orchard. tending hay in tan lot carting 1 load from tan lot cocking hay
11. opening hay in tan lot, carting 1 load clover from orchard carting 3 loads from tan lot, carting 1 load south of garden & 1 waggon load - fair warm 91 deg
12 - warm 94 deg - tending hay on ridge & south of garden carting 1 load from lot south of garden 1 load from ridge 1 waggon load from piece west of rye
13 - Sunday fair warm 92 deg
14 - fair warm 95 deg thunder showers, went to Holyoke with Arthur - salted cattle at mountain
15 - foggy, fair warm 96 deg, mending fence bridge lane hoeing potatoes in meadow, hoeing corn west side of orchard
16 - fair warm, brought home 1 doz brooms, hoeing corn sidehill
17 - fair warm 94 deg; shower, went with Arthur to Hockanum to take stage for Boston, hoeing corn south of garden
18 - fair, cool N.W wind, hoeing corn south of garden hoeing potatoes up lot
19 - hoeing corn & potatoes up lot. clearing out straw from scaffold

July 20. Sunday. fair

21 - cloudy fair warm 94 deg. reaping north of barn binding rye & carrying together 36 shock, cows turnid to mountain pasture

22 - heavy shower during the night cloudy. clearing out straw binding up rye north of barn

23 - fair cool wind. Mr Stockwell cradled rye in orchard & north of barn 1 day. raking rye in orchard. carting 3 loads rye 48 shock 6 sheaves north of barn. carting 1 load hay from hollow west of road. binding 10 shock 2 sheaves north of barn

24 - fair cool - raking rye on hill, tending hay in hollow. H Smith work'd binding rye in orchard 30 cts, carting 1 load hay from hollow west of road. carting 2 load rye 23 shock from orchard carting 1 load hay from hollow south of bridge

25 - fair cool 49 deg - tending hay in meadow. carting 1 load hay from hollow west of road, carting 1 load from meadow south of path, raking & cocking 106 cocks hay, 3 bushel rye to mill drag rake mended at Dickinsons 17 cts

26 - mended fence at mountain, tending hay in meadow carting 4 loads hay 114 cocks south of path in meadow carting 15 heaps north of path, carting 10 shock 3 sheaves rye north of barn, slight showers in afternoon

July 27 – Sunday fair showers towards night
28 — rain during night, tending hay in meadow, raking cocking hay
29 – went to Hadley. bought of Powers 1 cask salt 4,50 shower in afternoon
at Dr Porters 3 lb crackers, tending hay in meadow, carting
2 loads hay north of path, carting 1 load rakings of rye north of barn
30 – paid O. Warner taxes poll 1.38. personal 12.67 rent B.B.S. 14.00
cloudy. sprinkling showers went to mills
31 – fair went to mills, bought 400 feet pine plank, 4,80
thrashing rye rakings, cleaned up 4 bu. 22 qts
tending & cocking hay in meadow
labor for July – 20 3/4 days — 13.83 $
chores — 2.50 — 16.33

August. 1. fair fine day, salted cattle at mountain. tending hay in meadow, carting 3 loads from meadow north of path
2. — cloudy fair unloading hay
3 – Sunday cloudy. fair
4 – fair warm 86 deg, tending hay in south east lot, Mr Stockwell cradled oats in south east lot, raking oats, carting 1 waggon hay load
5 – fair warm 89 deg. tending hay in south east lot, carting 1 waggon load hay from bogs south east lot, carting 1 load oats 1 load 22 shock 1 load 21 shocks 1 load 14 shock 3 sheaves 22 shock 8 sheaves, in all 79 shock 11 sheaves, 1 jag hay, haying & harvesting finished

July 6. – unloading oats & hay, shifting cartwheels, carting 1 load earth from ditch in hogs to barnyard

7 – working on highway

8 – patching roofs of barn & cowhouse, paid Mr Howe for shingling 55 ct

9 – cloudy fair warm, mending fence at ferry, picking up chips, repairing floor of horse stable

10 – Sunday – fair warm 89 deg thunder

11 – carting 8 loads from side of ditch. Thunder shower in afternoon

12 – fair, carting sticks of chesnut timber from mountain for hogpen Mr Cook fixd cellar way & floor about barn pump, hewing timber

13 – fair – Mr Cook framing & putting in sills to hogpen

14 – fair warm, finishd repairs on hogpen Mr Cook worked 3 days

15 – fair; clearing away rubbish about hogpen, went to mills bought of D. Leonard 1 oz. corrosive sublimate, bought of Wm Porter 4 oz. quicksilver – Mr Rice hoeing corn

16 – fair, putting up grist, carried to Northampton mill, 8 bushels buckwheat & oats mixed for provender, bought lemons crackers bought 1 cake shaving soap, 6 ct, salted young cattle at mountain

17 – Sunday fair warm

18 – carting 8 loads from ditch, digging & heaping earth on ditch

19 – fair warm 87 deg, carting 9 loads from ditch. 3 loads from team lost

20 – went to mills to see about waggon wheels, borrow scythe

Aug 21 — Showers warm, piling wood, went to mills
brought home rack waggon of Thad Smith
22 — warm fair slight showers at night, went to see J. Marsh
about, ~~about~~ waggon wheels, took home T. Smiths waggon
23 — copious rain with thunder in the night & morning fair day
went to mills & mountain, divided 15 cords of chesnut wood
with L. Bartlett, bought rack waggon of Thad Smith 350
looking over potatoes in cellar
24 — Sunday, fair warm 89 deg.
25 — went to mills to get tire taken off waggon wheels, tending hay
up lot, raking & cocking 58 cocks clover hay, north side of dingle
26 — fair fine day, tending hay up lot, went to mills, bought of
D.M. Leonard 1 oz camphor; 1 pint alcohol, carting 2 load clover
hay from north side of dingle 58 cocks,
27 — cloudy, rain & thunder in afternoon, went to mountain to
assist about burning Mr Huntingtons lot, went to town, bought
2 gls oil 1 bbl flour
28 — fair cool — harrowing with cultivator sides of ditch in southeast lot
ploughing stubble north of barn
29 — fair cool — ploughing north of barn
30 — cloudy, ploughing north of barn, went to Hockanum for Sarah
31 — Sunday fair

labor for Aug 20¼ days — 13.50 $
chores — 2.50 16.00

Sept. 1. Monday. fair. gave Cotton Marsh 2.00, sold 1 bushel oats to L. Congdon, finish'd ploughing north of barn. carting 1 load hemlock wood from mountain

2. raining forenoon. carting home from mountain 1 waggon load (oven wood) clearing out straw, carting clover hay from hovel. went for Dr Hubbard

3 - piling wood in woodhouse, mending fence round south east lot (bought 4 lbs crackers at Dr Porter 28 cts) getting in jag of hay from lane & bogs

4 carting home 2 loads hemlock wood from mountain, rain at night

5 - carting 1 load hemlock wood 1 load of chesnut wood 4 feet

6 - mending bridge near E. Smiths 42 cts, carting home 2 loads chesnut wood 4 feet from mountain

7 - Sunday cloudy showers

8 - tending hay up lot in dingle & on river bank, cocking hay Mr Williams & Rice mowed 1 day

9 - 41 deg - cloudy - cutting up 8 rows corn in meadow, tending & cocking hay on river bank, cutting up corn & stacking in orchard carried 3 bushel rye to lower mills

10 - brought home grist, tending hay, carting 36 cocks from dingle carting 13 cocks from river bank

11 - tending & carting 41 cocks of hay from river bank tending hay in orchard. Mr Rice mowed 1 day

Sept 12. harrowing in rye north of barn 3 1/3 acres 4 1/2 bushels seed
carting 1 small jag hay from orchard & yards
13. 36 deg white frost. cutting corn south of garden, binding & stacking stalks in meadow. binding & stacking corn
14 - Sunday rainy
15 - fair - cutting stalks in meadow, binding & stacking corn south of garden, binding & stacking stalks
16 - salted young cattle at mountain, brought home cow Juno with calf - cutting up corn in hollow up lot, cutting up corn on sidehill in orchard, binding & stacking corn on sidehill -
17 - binding & stacking corn up lot, 44 stucks in hollow 1/2 acre
carting home 1 load chesnut wood 4 feet
18 - carting home 1 load wood 3 feet, 1 load chesnut wood 4 ft
fair warm 78 deg Thunder shower in evening
19 - fair - mending fence east pasture, turned calves into east yard
mending barn door, carting home 1 load chesnut wood 4 feet
20 - rainy morning - fair, carting poles from mountain for fence in upper lot - carting stakes for fence
21 - Sunday rainy
22 - mending fences upper lot & meadow
23 - digging white potatoes in meadow 11 bushels large, 1 bushel small
carting 2 load stalks, raking & cocking hay in meadow

Sept 24 – cleaning up corn putting up grist, digging white potatoes in meadow 9 bu large 2 bu. small

25 – carried grist to lower mill 2 bags ears corn, 4 bushel wheat oats & peas – digging white potatoe 15 bu. large 4 ½ small carting 7 cocks hay from meadow, rodn heifer young Fanny calved

26 – carting 2 load stalks from meadow, digging white potatoes 9 bushel large 2 ½ small, in all 44 bu large 10 bu. small meadow carting 5 cocks hay from meadow, carting 20 stacks corn from

27 – digging black potatoes up lot, 15 ½ bushel large. 7 ¾ bu small

28 – Sunday fair pleasant

29 – digging black potatoes up lot 5 ¼ bushels large 3 bu small fixing fence on river bank, ~~fixing~~ taking up pole fence from lower lot

30 – husking corn in barn 19 baskets, picking 1 jag corn in meadow

Labor for Sept 26 days – 17.33 $
chores – 2 67 20.00

Oct. 1. husking corn in barn, finishd 20 stacks making 25 baskets from 8 rows corn cut up in meadow, worked on highway ½ day 37 ct.

2 – husking 17 baskets corn from meadow, carting 2 waggon loads earth from ditch to hogpen, carting 1 waggon load pumpkins south of garden packing away stalks in barn, picking up 3 ½ bushels apples up lot 2 bags meal brought home

3 – picking 1 waggon load corn in meadow & 1 cart load 14 rows

4 – picking 1 waggon load corn in meadow & 1 cart load 14 rows

5 – Sunday, rainy afternoon

6 – husking 30 baskets corn salted cattle at mountain

7 – cloudy, mending fence in lane, husking 23 baskets corn 5 baskets in evening making 100

Oct. 8. husking 18 baskets corn, making 118 baskets from 48 rows west side
picking 1 waggon load corn

9 " rainy fixing hoggen & pigpen, husking 20 baskets in cornhouse

10 — digging black potatoes up lot 5 bushels large 3 3/4 small

11 - rainy, went to mills, sorrel horse shod at Dickinsons 44 cts
carried home Elvira went to post office tracing seed corn sawing wood

12 - Sunday - showery in evening heavy rain

13 - 3 bushel rye carried to lower mills, digging Carter potatoes up lot
5 p bushel large 3 bu small Brighton Bank

14 - went to mountain to look after cattle, brought home 3 steers
picking 1 waggon load corn, mending fence on river bank
carting 1 jag pumpkins

15 - picking 2 waggon loads corn in meadow - 1 jag pumpkins

16 - 30 deg. frost, picking 2 waggons loads corn, finish'd picking corn in
meadow, packing away stalks in cowhouse for T.P.H. picking apples up lot

17 - 29 deg. frost & ice, carting 1 load pumpkins from up lot
3 bags ears 4 bushel buckwheat carried to mill, carting 2 loads corn
44 stacks from up lot, grist brought home, Mr Rice worked 1/2 day

18 - digging Carter potatoes up lot 7 bushel large 3 bu small
sawing wood cows turn'd up lot

19 - Sunday fair pleasant went to Northampton

20 - digging potatoes up lot 11 1/2 bushel large 6 bu small

21 - cold windy finish'd digging potatoes up lot 2 1/2 bushel large 1 bu small
making in all 26 1/2 bu large 13 bu small, Carter potatoes up lot 39 1/2 bu
husking 7 baskets corn in barn, rec'd from E.M.J. 15.00

22 - 20 deg. frost husking 19 baskets corn in barn

Oct. 23. 19 deg. hard frost, husking corn in barn 18 baskets making 44 baskets from 44 stacks on ½ acre in upper lot; carting 2 loads corn 39 stacks from side hill west side of orchard

24 — husking 19 stacks of corn 21 baskets

25 — husking 16 baskets corn making 37 baskets corn from side hill in orchard carting 2 load corn 50 stacks from South of garden carting 1 waggon load pumpkins

26 — Sunday fair hazy mild, went to North Hadley afternoon

27 — salted young cattle at mountain, turned brindle heifer into north meadow cleaning out cobs from cornhouse, ploughing pasture on east

28 — plowing east pasture, clearing out cobs from cornhouse, 1½ bu corn to mill husking corn

29 — a spell of warm hazy weather, mending fence at river ferry stowing away stalk; carting 2 loads corn from south of garden, corn all in getting in chips, ploughing east pasture, carting jag apple tree wood turned cows & cattle into lower meadows

30 — carting 14 load manure from barnyard 9 load to tan lot, 2 load to peak 3 loads to east pasture

31 — carting 13 loads manure to east pasture

labor for October 26½ days 17.67 $21.17
chores 3.50

Nov. 1. Saturday, carting 10 loads manure to east pasture

2. — Sunday cloudy rain afternoon

3 — tracing up seed corn clearing out husks

4 — finishid husking in cornhouse, making ~~making~~ 224 baskets add 11 baskets seed corn in all 235 baskets from 3 acres in meadow husking in barn

5 — 4 bags ~~Bars~~ corn 4 bushel broomseed carried to mill, husking in barn driving plough east pasture, mended fence up lot, brought home grist — oxbows fixed by O. Marsh 6 cts

Nov. 6. carting 7 load manure, 4 load to east pasture, 3 load to heap finished husking making 84 baskets from piece south of garden in all 400 baskets from 5 ½ acres. 85 from T.P.H. 66 from Williams

7 – piling wood in woodhouse

8 – carting 18 loads sand into barnyard. Mr Rice's oxen 1 day

9 – Sunday rainy fair afternoon

10 – paid O Marsh fixing oxbows 6 cts, brought home 5 young cattle from mountain went to town meeting

11 – carting 3 loads manure south of garden, carting 2 load sand into barnyard

12 – carting 10 load sand into barnyard & 4 loads earth from ditch 2 veal calves sold to Mr Thayer

13 – frost ground frozen. C.P.P. & M.P. set out for Boston took waggon skeletie & wheelbarrow to O Marsh to be repaired carting 1 load hard wood from mountain

14 – T.P. Huntington oxen ½ day, went to Northampton, bought of M. Fowle 10 bushels apples, paid toll 12 cts. paid for bonnets. 117 carting old hay stack into barnyard. brought home waggon wheels

15 – carting 1 load hard wood, 1 load chesnut wood from mountain

16 – Sunday fair pleasant

17 – carting 2 loads chesnut wood from mountain, 5 bags cars carried to mill, cleaver & wheelbarrow mended by Dickinson

18 – rainy morning, carting home 1 load chesnut wood

19 – carting 2 loads chesnut wood

20 – carting 2 loads hard wood. Mr Bartlett 4 bushel rye

21 – carting 1 load small wood. piling wood

Nov 22 – carting 1 load hard wood. went to Amherst for C.P.S.
bought 1 bottle opodeldoc 25
23 — Sunday cloudy slight rain
24 – carried 4 bags ears corn 4 bushel buckwheat 3 bu. rye to mill
carting home 1 jag small wood on waggon
25 – 16 deg. carting home 1 load posts from mountain 21
26 – carting home 1 load rails (46) dividing broomseed with Williams
carting 47½ bushels
27 – Thanksgiving day – rainy
28 – cold windy divided broom brush with Williams, carting home 768½ lbs
carting home 602 feet chesnut plank
29 – 12 deg – carting chesnut log to mill, carting home 4 sticks 6 inch timber
for joists 152 feet. ground frozen ice in river
30 – Sunday cloudy began snowstorm
labor for November – 21 days – 14.00
chores – 2.50 – 16.50

Dec 1. Monday rainy day with sleet
2 24 deg – fair windy
3. 7 " cloudy went to Northampton. bought of W. Hillyer
1 bbl flour 7.75. Wright & Rust 30 lb candles @ 10 – 3.00
3 lb crackers 21 cts paid E. Powers for 1 pair socks 37
4 — stormy sleet & rain at night
5 – fair windy. getting pumpkins into cellar putting up 5 ears bags
6 – fair grist sent to mill & brot home
7 – 16 deg Sunday fair.

Dec. 8. cloudy - mending clothes - snow at night

9 - cloudy - fair mild, clearing off snow & ice from plank

10 - fair windy snow squalls. cleaning up 22 shock oats 32 ½ bushels putting up grist 4 bags ears corn 3½ bu buckwheat sent to mill

11 - 16 deg - cold windy sledding log from river bank taking up fence on river bank sledding poles & rails grist brought home

12. thirm at 0 - cleaning 22 shock rye 6 ¾ bushels from on hill orchard

13. 5 deg below clear calm. sold C. Wheeler 1 3 year old steer $20.00

14 12 " above Sunday snowy in forenoon 4 or 5 inches cow runs to L. Stockbridge

15 - 36 deg - cleaning off snow & ice from plank & piling plank looking over potatoes in cellar

16 - 32 deg - N.E. wind, cleaning up corn 13 bushel, attended meeting town

17 - 23 deg - fair fine day copying journal of farmwork putting up corn. 13 bushel sent to Vintons store

18 - mild cloudy rainy afternoon copying journal

19 mild cloudy went to Amherst. paid admittance 12 cts to Skeleton of Mastodon. paid 1 yard twilled cotton 11 cts cleaning up oats 20 shock. 24 bushels

20 -17 deg - cloudy

21 - 14 deg - Sunday fair

22 - 20 " — winnowing rye in binns 34 bushels

23 - 5 " fair

24 - 5 " fair cloudy

Dec. 25. - 22 deg - cloudy - Christmas - killing 5 hogs
4 hogs sold to Thayer 1057 lbs @ 5 3/4 cts

26 - 26 deg - snowstorm - salting pork. driving roan cow
to T. Stockbridge 6 inches snow

27 - 2 deg - fair. cleaning 23 shock rye. 12 bushels wanting 4 qts

28 - 24 deg - mild, cloudy, Sunday

29 - 26 deg - fair cloudy sold to S. Bell 1 pair 2 year old steers $33.00

30 - 30 deg - fair mild paid S. Dickinsons for mending boots 17 cts

31 - 16 deg - fair writing journal

labor for Dec 7 1/2 days - 5.00
chores - 2.50 $7.50

labor from Jan'y 1st 1845 to Dec. 31st - 172.50
deduct board 60.83
111.67

GENERAL REMARKS.

The author of this little work makes no pretensions to any thing of originality in his style of Chirography, but simply claims what he considers an improvement in the arrangement of the copies, and in the plan of ruling, which is equally adapted to a *coarse*, *medium*, or *fine* hand, and which admits of much more economy in the use of paper than the common mode of ruling. The system has also this peculiarity, viz. *it costs nothing*. Whoever purchases a writing book, has a set of copies *gratis*. Having been successful in his first attempt, the author has been induced to prepare the second edition. It is not expected that this will meet with universal approbation. One would like more *coarse* hand—another would like more *fine*. The style may be too *round* to please some, and too *sharp* to please others. But there are among teachers, it is believed, a large majority, who are in favour of a style between the two *extremes* of round and sharp. If the autnor has been so fortunate as to hit upon the happy *medium*, which will please the *many*, it is hoped the *few* will think it best to give up their whims, and join the stronger party. In large schools, let the writers be divided into four classes. Let those who use Book First, belong to the *first division*—those who use Book Second, to the *second division*, &c. It may not be advisable, perhaps, for such as are considerably advanced in writing, to go through the whole series—but commence with Book Third or Book Fourth. Let there be a *monitor* to each class.

SITTING, AND LAYING THE PAPER.

Sit at a convenient distance, and incline the left side of the body towards the desk, without leaning upon, or even touching it with the body; by which means the right shoulder will extend further from the desk than the left, and give a natural and true slope to the writing. Let the paper lie parallel with the edge of the desk, and at a small distance to the right of the body. The weight of the body should rest on the left arm, which ought to be kept near the side. The fingers of the left hand are to keep the paper firm and smooth, being placed below the line, near the pen. The body should incline a little forward, and the head answer to this inclination, without resting on either shoulder. Keep the elbow of the right arm at a small distance from the side, and let the arm rest lightly upon the desk about half way between the end of the fingers and the elbow. Sitting in this position, the right arm and hand will be at liberty to command the pen with perfect freedom and ease.

HOLDING THE PEN.

The pen should be held loosely between the end of the thumb and middle finger, near the corner of the nail of each; the fore-finger should lie on the top or back of the pen, and be just as low as the top of the nail of the middle finger; the distance from the middle finger to the point of the pen should be at least half an inch. The joints of the thumb should extend outward, and the end be raised about as high as the first joint of the fore-finger. Incline the third and fourth fingers under towards the hollow of the hand, and rest lightly on the ends of each. The pen should be held with the feather ranging over the right shoulder, so that the teeth of it may have equal pressure on the paper.

The Teacher who wishes to see his pupils improve in writing, will, if possible, during the exercise, devote to them his undivided attention. It may be advisable, in large schools, for the first and second division to write in the forenoon, and the third and fourth in the afternoon; that the Teacher may be able to give particular attention to each scholar; correcting whatever may be wrong in the manner of sitting, laying the paper, and holding the pen—and pointing out the most obvious *defects* in the writing, as well as giving credit for every line and letter written well. "The acquisition of Penmanship is more the business of the mind than of the fingers; hence the necessity of perfectly understanding its elementary parts and general rules, before the pupil attempts the formation of letters." And here let it be observed, that almost all the small manuscript letters in the alphabet are formed by combining in various ways, the seven first principles, which are arranged upon the cover, and, for the sake of convenience, are distinguished by short monosyllabick names, *na, ro, ne, vo, vi, la, zo*. When a scholar has once a clear idea of these characters, or first principles, and can form them correctly, the groundwork is laid for becoming a good penman.

Na forms a part of *p*, *h*, and *k*; and is generally called the stem. Part of *q* is formed of this principle, and sometimes part of *g*, with a hair line turned narrowly at the bottom, and carried up near the stem. *Ro* forms *u*, part of *a*, *d*, *t*, *i*, *l*, and *b*. *Ne* forms a part of *m*, of *n*, *r*, and *w*. *Vo* forms a part of *h*, part of *m*, of *n*, *p*, *v*, *w*, and *y*,—also, with a little variation, it forms the last part of *k*. *Vi*, or the oval, forms the *o*, a part of *a*, *d*, *g*, and *q*; *c* and *e* are also of an oval form. *La* forms a part of *l*, a part of *b*, *h*, *k*, *f*, and a part of long *s*. *Zo* forms the *j*, the last part of *g* and *y*, and the lower part of long *s*. The short *s*, also *x* and *z*, are somewhat irregular.——Of what letters does *na* form a part? Of what letters does *ro* form a part? &c. Or questions like the following:—What is the first part of *y* like? Answer. It is like the last part of *m*, *n*, *h*, and *p*. What is the *last* part of *y* like? Ans. It is like *j*, the lower part of *s*, and the last part of *g*. What principles combined form the *a*? Ans. *Vi* and *ro*, (or the answer may be *vi-ro*,)—*g*? Ans. *Vi-zo*.—*p*? Ans. *Na-vo*.—*k*? Ans. *La-vo*, &c. Take off the first part of *m*, and you have the *n*. Carry up the hair line of the *n* with a curve from the middle to the upper line, and then draw the pen down with a moderate pressure, forming a slender reversed comma, and you have the *w*. The *b* and *v* are finished in the same manner—*e* is part of *w*, but let not that trouble you. Go on, comparing, analyzing, and improving; and get a *premium* if you can.

The perpendicular arrangement of the lessons, especially in *Book First*, shows how many lines of each character, letter, and word, are to be written on a page, and the distance to be observed between the lines. The copies in this book are divided into fourteen lessons, and may be cut out on the dotted lines whenever wanted for use—and be placed near the margin in such a manner that the ruled lines on the plate shall correspond with the ruled lines in the writing book. The figures in the brackets show how many times on a line you may repeat each character, letter, word, &c. (See the Plate.) How many times on a line do you repeat *na*? Answer. Thirty. How many lines of *na* do you write on a page? How many lines on a page do you write of *ro*, in the second lesson? How many lines of *ne* in the same lesson? In the third lesson, how many lines of *ro*? How many of *ne*? How many of *vo*? &c. What is a space? Answer. The distance from one ruled line to another. What distance is to be observed between the lines, when writing the first lesson? Answer. One space. What distance between the lines of the second lesson? How many spaces are left between *ro* and *ne*, in the third lesson? How many between *ne* and *vo*? &c. What is the use of the figures in brackets? How many lines do you write of the word *minu*? Answer. Three. How many times do you repeat it on a line? How many spaces between the lines? What is the length of *na*? Answer. Three spaces. What is the length of *ro* and *ne*, in the second lesson? A coarse hand may be written of the size of this lesson, taking three spaces for the size of the short letters. The ruling admits of any variation in the size of the hand, or the distance between the lines. What is the length of *b*? Answer. Four spaces. What is the length of *d*? *h*? *t*? *p*? *j*? *g*? *q*? *z*? &c. With which corner of the pen should hair lines be made? Answer. With the right. Make coarse marks by an equal pressure on both teeth of the pen. Write *na*, or the first lesson, by giving the pen a full pressure, before it is started down, to leave the top square, then draw it straight with an equal pressure to the bottom. Set the marks equally distant, and slope them all alike. Form *ro* without taking the pen off at the bottom. Form *ne* without taking the pen off at the top. In coarse hand most letters and parts of letters are joined on the middle line. The capitals in this book are not arranged in alphabetical order, but according to the similarity of their parts, that the learner, after having made one, may be guided in the formation of all those whose parts are similar. The learner, in order to render the capitals easy, and execute them correctly, should, before he begins to write them, take a pen without any ink in it, and run over each capital with it, and accustom his hand to touch lightly with the pen where the hair lines are, and heavily on the shades, or coarse marks. In this manner, with a dry pen, go over every capital at least a dozen times.

Never dip the pen in ink deeper than its shoulders, as this, with care, will prevent blotting. Be always careful accurately to draw your strokes and letters with the first movement of the pen; and by no means paint or daub your writing by putting your pen on a letter the second time. Repeat each capital ten or twelve times on a line. Repeat each figure about thirty times on a line. In filling out this book, the learner may write one page of each lesson, which will make fourteen pages. Then the same lessons may be repeated, which will make twenty-eight pages. The four remaining pages may be filled with the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth lessons—or two pages may be written of each lesson, as the scholar advances, till the fourteenth lesson is completed, and then the remaining four pages may be filled as before directed.

☞ *What premium shall be awarded to the scholar who shall produce the best written book in the First Division?*